

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method of real-time communication between a plurality of users each with respective communication devices having associated displays, the method comprising:

- (a) • providing each of the plurality of users with collaboration initiation software at their communication devices;
- (b) • allowing ~~at least first and second~~ a plurality of users to connect to ~~at least one~~ respective communication networks by logging in ~~at their respective communication devices~~ ;
- (c) • in response to a user's log in, maintaining a respective service records for ~~at least the first and second~~ the logged in users, the service records including user identification information and ~~an~~ associated location information for where ~~each that~~ user is logged in no matter where ~~they are that user is~~ located;
- (d) • causing display of a user identifier for at least ~~the a~~ second user in a quick dial list on the display of at least a first user's communication device, the quick dial list having been created by a user selecting users from a list of potential users for inclusion in the quick dial list;
- (e) • allowing the first user to select the displayed second user's identifier;
- (f) • in response to the first user's selection, automatically retrieving necessary addressing information of the second user from at least one service record; and
- (g) • using the retrieved addressing information to cause establishing establishment of a connection between the first and second users through at least the respective communication networks; and

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- thereby enabling ~~real-time display of visual communication displayed~~ on the display of the first and second users.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication includes real-time text messages displayed on the displays associated with the first and second users.
3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein at least one communication device is a wireless device.
4. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein the communication network is a wide area network.

5. (canceled).

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 5 1, wherein at least one identifier is ~~a~~ at least one graphical icons representing a user.
7. (original) The method of claim 6, further comprising indicating to a user whether another user is not logged in.
8. (original) The method of claim 2, further comprising allowing the first user to:
 - (a) select a new user from among a plurality of potential users; and
 - (b) add that new user to an existing communication.
9. (original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
 - (a) detecting an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the first user;
 - (b) notifying the first user of the attempt; and
 - (c) allowing the first user to establish a communication with the third user.
10. (currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein an indication of the attempt to initiate communications appears automatically on a user's display.
11. (original) The method of claim 2, further comprising
 - (a) allowing the first user to send an e-mail to the second user.

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12. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein the communication includes at least one picture image.

13. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein the communications include video images of at least one user.

14. (currently amended) A method of real-time communication between a plurality of users each with respective communication devices having associated displays, the method comprising:

(a) providing each of the plurality of users with collaboration initiation software at their communication devices;

(b) allowing at least first and second users to connect to at least one communication network by logging in at their respective communication devices;

(c) maintaining service records for at least the first and second logged in users, the service records including user identification information and an associated location where the first and second users are each user is logged in;

(d) causing display of a user identifier for at least the second user in a personalized list on the display of at least a first user's communication device;

(e) allowing the first user to attempt to establish communication by selecting the displayed second user's identifier;

(f) retrieving necessary addressing information of the second user; and

(g) establishing a connection between the first and second users; ;

• notifying the second user of the first user's attempt to establish communication along with an identification of the first user; and

• allowing the second user to accept the incoming communications, thereby enabling real time display of visual communication displayed on the displays of the first and second users.

15) (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the personalized list includes at least one graphical icon representing a user.

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16. (original) The method of claim 14, further comprising indicating to a user whether another user is not logged in.
17. (currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the service records further include a location where the first and second users are each user is logged in no matter where they are located.
18. (currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the communication includes real-time text messages displayed on the displays associated with the first and second users.
19. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein at least one communication device is a wireless device.
20. (original) The method of claim 19, wherein the communication network is a wide area network.
21. (original) The method of claim 18, further comprising allowing the first user to:
 - (a) select a new user from among a plurality of potential users; and
 - (b) add that new user to an existing communication.
22. (original) The method of claim 18, further comprising:
 - (a) detecting an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the first user;
 - (b) notifying the first user of the attempt; and
 - (c) allowing the first user to establish a communication with the third user.
23. (currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the displayed second user's identifier is selecting a user is done by clicking on an icon.
24. (canceled).
25. (currently amended) The method of claim 22, wherein an indication of the attempt to initiate communications appears automatically on a user's display.
26. (original) The method of claim 16, further comprising
 - (a) allowing the first user to send an e-mail to the second user.

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27. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein the communication includes at least one picture image.
28. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein the communications include video images of at least one user.
29. (currently amended) A method of real-time communication between a plurality of users each with respective communication devices having associated displays, the method comprising:
 - (a) providing each of the plurality of users with collaboration initiation software at their communication devices at least one of which is a wireless device;
 - (b) allowing at least first and second users to connect to at least one communication network by logging in at their respective communication devices;
 - (c) maintaining service records for at least the first and second logged in users, the service records including user identification information and an associated location where the first and second users are ~~each user is~~ logged in no matter where they are located;
 - (d) causing display of a user identifier in a personalized list for at least the second user on the display of at least a first user's communication device;
 - (e) allowing the first user to select the displayed second user's identifier;
 - (f) retrieving necessary addressing information of the second user; and
 - (g) establishing a connection between the first and second users, thereby enabling real-time communication displayed on the display of the first and second users.
30. (currently amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the communication includes real-time text ~~messages~~ displayed on the displays associated with the first and second users.
31. (original) The method of claim 30, wherein the personalized list includes graphical representations of users and is scrollable.
32. (original) The method of claim 31, further comprising indicating to a user whether another user is not logged in.
33. (original) The method of claim 32, further comprising allowing the first user to:

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- (a) select a new user from among a plurality of potential users; and
- (b) add that new user to an existing communication.

34. (original) The method of claim 30, further comprising:

- (a) detecting an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the first user;
- (b) notifying the first user of the attempt; and
- (c) allowing the first user to establish a communication with the third user.

35. (currently amended) The method of claim 34, wherein an indication of the attempt to initiate communications appears automatically on a user's display.

36. (original) The method of claim 30, wherein the communications include video images of at least one user.

37. (new) The method of claim 35, wherein the automatically appearing indication includes a notification of the third user's identity.